REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 8-11 are pending in the application of which claim 10 has been allowed.

Remaining claims 8, 9 and 11 are rejected as being "obvious" over Giatanopoulous et al EP 0209275. Claim 8 has been amended to remove "halogen" from the definition of R₂, thus placing claim 8, and claims 9 and 11 dependent from it, in condition for allowance. Amending claim 8 in this manner will result in the allowance of claims 8, 9 and 11 as implicit on page 3, first paragraph of the Official Action.

The allowance of claims 8, 9 and 11 together with (allowed) claim 10 is solicited.

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